

# Jane Taylor's Swan Song

Jane Taylor leads by example. Not only a dedicated public servant who has always taken great pride in her state service and commitment to the citizens of California, Jane has truly exemplified the joy one can obtain from dedicated and tireless efforts toward the recognition of the environment and a healthy society. Her passion for the environment and nature is evidenced by her many affiliations outside of the office as well as in. An avid birder she has made great strides in raising awareness of the impact buildings have on wildlife and the environment.

Jane Gregg Taylor, Sr. Architect, California Building Standards Commission will be sorely missed. She has elected to retire in the coming months and will embark on a new chapter in her life. She plans on going back to school—once again—this time to study environmental law.



A native Californian, Jane was born in Ross and grew up in Los Angeles.

Long before her pursuit of a career in architecture, she studied liberal arts on two University of California campuses; in Los Angeles and Davis respectively before entering public service with the State Compensation Insurance Fund where she spent a total of thirteen years. Her last position with the Fund was that of an Assistant Claims Manager in San Francisco.

Jane returned to academic life at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona to earn a Bachelor of Architecture degree in the early eighties. Upon graduation she worked for HMC Architects in Ontario, California as a draftsman before joining Lionakis Beaumont Design Group as a draftsman and job captain in Sacramento in 1988 and 1989. Her career led to opportunities in Chico where she spent over ten years between the architecture and engineering firms of Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto as a job captain, and Thomson & Hendricks, Inc. as a project manager. Jane returned to Sacramento in 2000 as a project manager for Mogavero Notestine Associates. During her career in the private sector Jane developed projects for public schools, commercial and municipal buildings, and affordable housing.

Jane returned to state service when she joined the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) in August 2004. Appointed Senior Architect in July of 2007, Jane has led the CBSC technical team that supports the commission in its adoption of the building codes for the State of California.

In the last five years, Jane has worked with the CBSC team and other state agencies in the development and adoption of California's award winning and first-in-the-nation statewide mandatory Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), which has been recognized worldwide. One might say that her passions collided when she was charged with developing building codes specifically with the environment in mind.

When she isn't working Jane enjoys traveling throughout the US and abroad. She actively participates in birding trips, clubs and counts and is rarely without binoculars on her daily walks. Over the years Jane's

office has been a shrine to all things bird...photos, prints, drawings, feathers, nests, books, cards, art and more.

Jane Taylor has made a difference in her state service career. Always thoughtful in her effort to serve the citizens of California, her superiors thought highly of her. Summoned to the Governor's office in 2011 to address questions concerning AB 275, Governor Brown himself sought her counsel concerning the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011. According to Dave Walls former CBSC Executive Director, "Jane's skills and abilities were critical to the development of CALGreen". Tom Morrison, former CBSC Deputy Executive Director recalls her dedication and great customer service when assisting the public.

Jane Taylor walks the talk. A woman of principal, she is an original. If she believes in something she will not waiver. She has continued to ride the bus to and from the office a couple of days a week in the interest of saving energy and lessening the impact cars have on the environment despite the fact that she owns a fuel efficient vehicle. Further, she has been a reliable and generous leadership level contributor to nonprofit organizations that benefit the environment and animals via the annual California State Employees Charitable Campaign.

Jane is a refreshing spirit in this day and age. Those who know her will be forever grateful for all she has shared-- from her wealth of knowledge to her passion for life.

Bird on Jane! Bird on...